

Water and Electrolyte Disorders

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HYPERNATREMIA

= *WATER Deficit*

Hypernatremia: Definition & Clinical Settings

- Plasma Na > 150 mEq/L
- Less frequent than hyponatremia.
- Because thirst obligates patients to drink water that relieves the hypernatremia with only a 1 to 2% rise in plasma osmolality.
- Thus patients with water losses generally do not develop hypernatremia unless there is a defect in thirst mechanism or the patient is unable to get his needs of water
- The very young, the very old and the very sick are those who may be liable

Sings & Symptoms of Hypernatremia -1

- Polyuria and polydipsia may be due the underlying urinary concentrating defect rather than the hypernatremia itself
- Cellular dehydration due to ECF hyperosmolality affects mainly the CNS

Rate of Development: Acute is more serious than chronic;

Age of Patients: Old pts are more vulnerable than young

Acute + Adult = 75% mortality

Acute + Children = 45% mortality

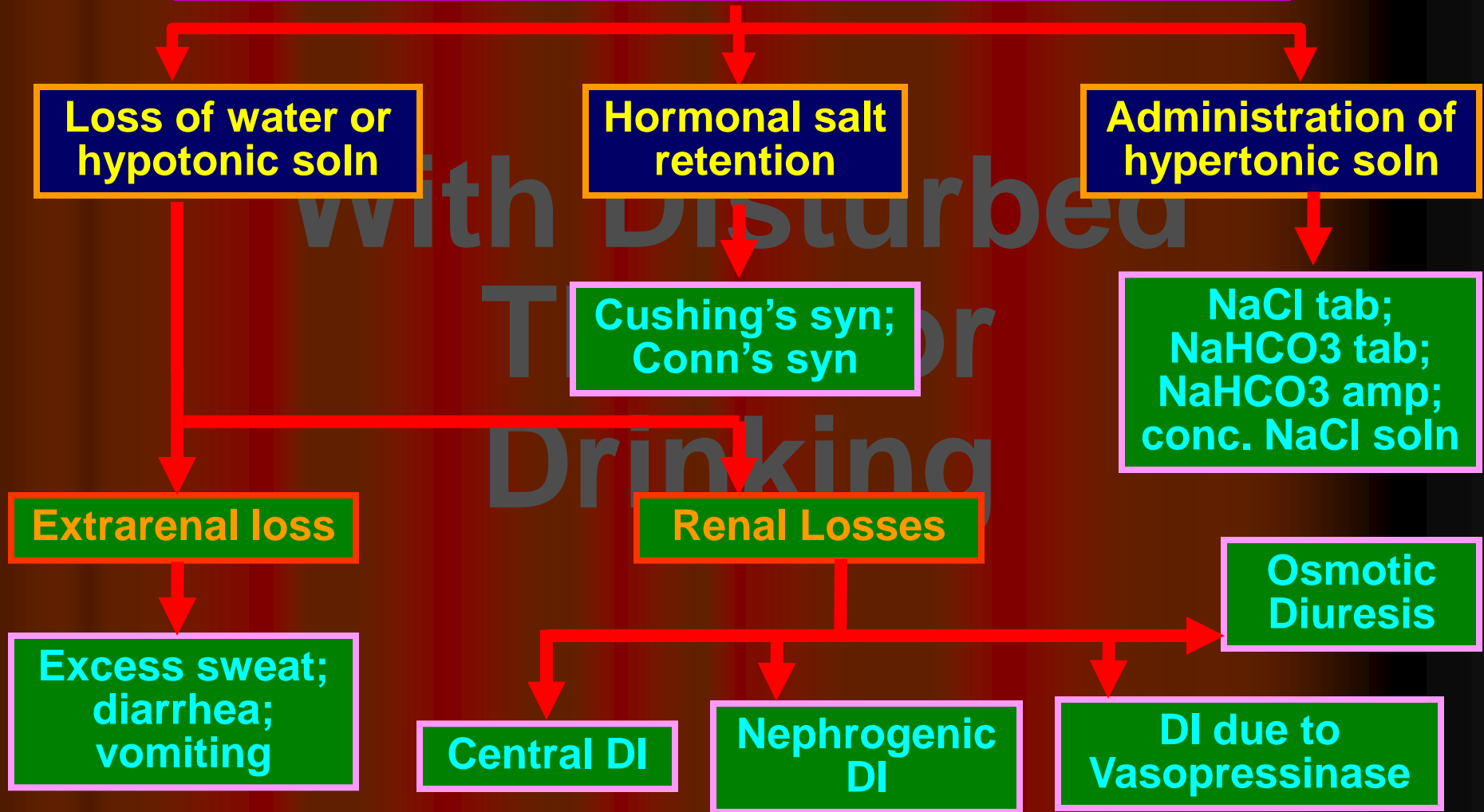
Sings & Symptoms of Hypernatremia -2

- Plasma osmolality > 325 mosm/Kg
- Shrinkage of brain cell
- Tearing of cereb vessels
- Capillary & venous congestion
- Subcortical & subarach. Bleeding
- Venous sinus thrombosis



- CNS dysfunction correlates with degree of hyperosmolality
- Restlessness, increased irritability, lethargy
- Muscle twitches, hyperflexia, tremulousness & ataxia
- Above 375 mosm/Kg: tonic muscular spasticity, focal & grand mal seizures

Causes of Hypernatremia -1



Causes of Hypernatremia -2

Loss of water or hypotonic soln

Hormonal salt retention

Administration of hypertonic soln

Extrarenal loss

Renal Losses

Osmotic Diuresis:
mannitol,
glucose, urea

Central DI

Nephrogenic DI

DI due to Vasopressinase:
pregnancy

- Idiopathic •Trauma
- Surgery •Neoplasm:
1ry, 2ry Ca esp breast
- Encephalitis
- Sarcoidosis •Eosin.
granuloma

Renal
disease

Systemic
diseases
affecting
kidneys

Diets &
Drugs

- Hypokalemia
- hypercalcemia

Nephrogenic DI

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Diagnostic Approach to Hypernatremia

Hypovolemia;
TBW ↓↓;
TBNa ↓

Euvolemia; TBW ↓;
TBNa ↔

Hypervolemia;
TBW ↑↑;
TBNa ↑↑

U.Na >20;
U.Osmo: ↔ or ↓

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U.Osmo: ↑

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Ren. losses:
•Osm. Or loop diuret,
•post-obstruction;
•Intrin. renal disease

Extra-renal losses:
•Insens. losses;
•GIT losses

Ren. losses:
•DI: central, nephro., partial, gestational
•Hypodipsia

Extrarenal losses:
•Insens. loss: respirat., dermal losses

Na gain:
•1ry Hi-Ald;
•Cushing's
•Hi-tonic Dx
•Hi-ton. NaCl
•NaHCO₃ tab

Management of Hypernatremia

Hypovolemia

- Treat hypovolemia first by N saline

Euvolemia

- Correct hypernatremia by Water replacement: oral water or IV 5% Dextrose.
- Amount to be replaced to incr. Na 10 mmol/L = $0.04 \times \text{BWt}$

Hypervolemia

- Treat hypervolemia first by diuretics \pm dialysis if RF

Rate of Correction: In acute cases: rapid correction, while in Chronic cases $< 2.0 \text{ mosm/h}$ or $1/2$ correctn over 24 hs & $1/2$ correction over next 24 hs

Correction of Water Deficit

$$W1 \times Na1 = W2 \times Na2$$

140 mmol/L in ??? L

168mmol/L
in 35 L

$$W1 = 35 \text{ L}, Na1 = 168$$

$$= 35 \times 168/140$$

$$W2 = ???, Na2 = 140$$

$$= 42 \text{ L} \quad \Delta W = +7 \text{ L}$$

Serum Potassium Disorders

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Physiological Considerations-1

- Average diet contains ~100 mEq daily; 90% of which is excreted by the kidney. Normal serum K^+ : 3.5-5.5 mEq/L
- Hypokalemia and hyperkalemia are Common in the practice of medicine
- K^+ is present in the body in a larger IC (90%) and a smaller EC (10%) pools that are in series with each other
- In potassium-depleted states with normal acid-base status, a 1 mEq/liter fall in the S. K^+ level reflects the loss of about 300 mEq of K^+ .
- Conversely, if large amounts of K^+ are administered acutely, the rise in S. K^+ level is less than would be expected if the administered K^+ were distributed solely in the ECF.

Physiological Considerations-2

Factors Affecting Transcellular Shift of K^+

Active transport processes:

- **Na^+ - K^+ -ATPase:** actively transport K^+ into cell
- **Insulin:** promotes K^+ transport into cell
- **β -adrenergic agents:** promotes K^+ transport into cell
- **Mineralocorticoids:** promotes K^+ transport into cell

Passive transport processes:

- **pH of ECF:** alkalosis \rightarrow intracellular K^+ shift, while acidosis \rightarrow extracellular K^+ shift
- **Increased ECF osmolality** \rightarrow extracellular K^+ shift

Physiological Considerations-3

Effect of pH changes on transcellular shift of K^+

As a general rule, a reduction in plasma pH of 0.1 unit in metabolic acidosis raises the serum potassium level by ~0.5 mEq per liter, whereas a plasma pH increase of 0.1 unit produces a similar reduction in serum potassium.

0.1 unit Δ of pH \rightarrow 0.5 mEq/L inverse Δ of S. K^+

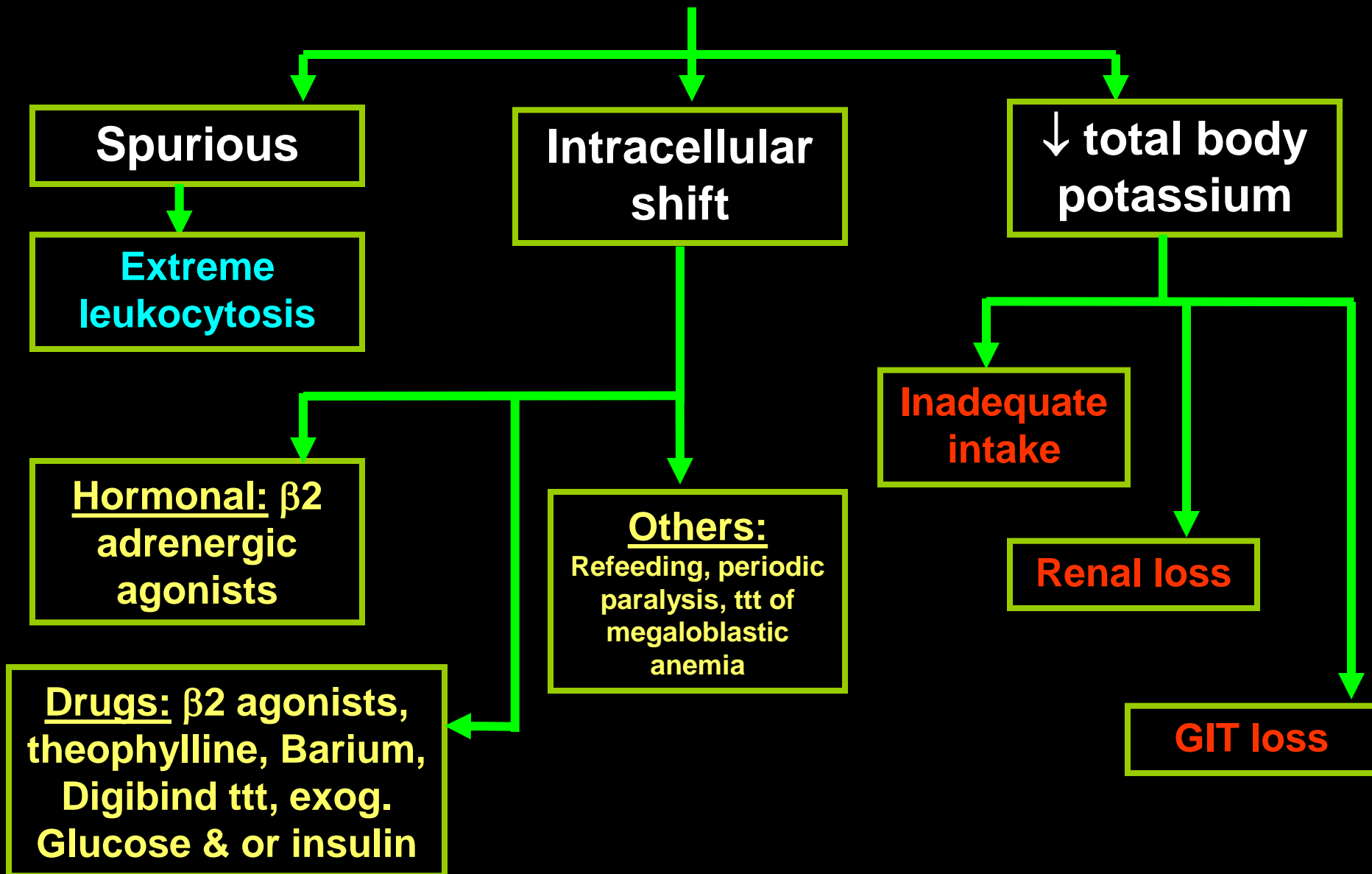
Physiological Considerations-4

Renal Handling of K^+

- ~90% of dietary K^+ is excreted by the kidney, while <10% is excreted by the GIT
- Almost all the K^+ excreted in urine gains access to the urinary space by secretory mechanisms located across distal convoluted and collecting duct segments.
- Factors causing increased urinary loss of K^+ are:
 - ◆ ↑ mineralocorticoids
 - ◆ ↑ delivery of Na^+ to collecting ducts
 - ◆ ↑ fluid flow to distal tubules
 - ◆ Metabolic and respiratory alkalosis
 - ◆ ↑ excretion of nonreabsorbable solutes

HYPOKALEMIA

Hypokalemia: Causes



Decreased Total Body K⁺

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Clinical Manifestation of Hypokalemia

Cardiac:

- Abnormal ECG
- Atrial & ventricular arrhythmias
- Predispose to digitalis toxicity

Hemodynamic:

- Variable BP
- Decr. pressor response to Ang.II

Neuromuscular:

- GIT: constipation, ileus
- Skeletal ms: weakness, paralysis, rhabdomyolysis, respiratory paralysis

Endocrinal:

- Decr. Renin & Aldosterone
- Decr. Insulin secretion → diabetes
- Incr. Prostaglandin?

Kidney:

- Decr. GFR & RBF
- Polyuria & polydypsia: conc. defect + stimulate thirst
- Incr. Renal NH₃ production: Hep. enceph
- Na⁺ retention
- Cl⁻ wasting • Metabolic alkalosis

Hypokalemia + Metabolic Alkalosis:

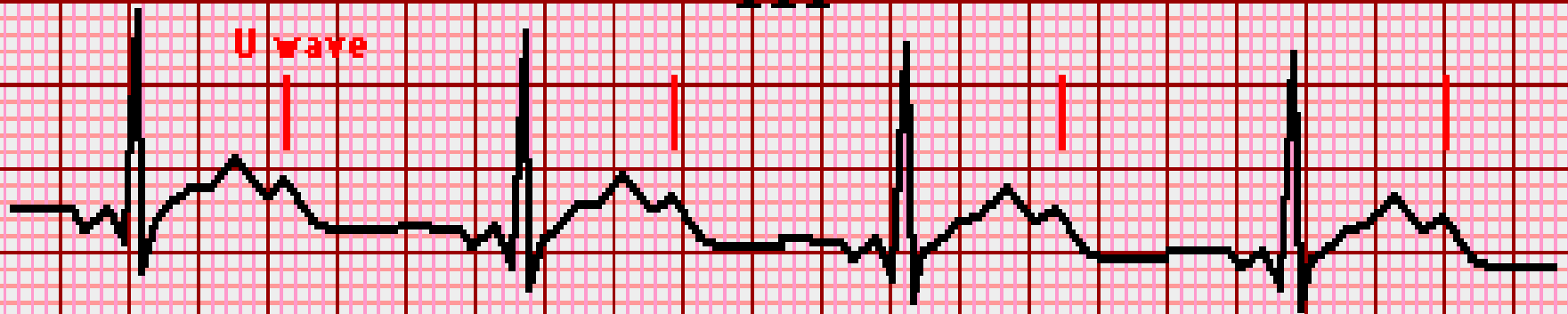
- **Alkalosis as a cause of hypokalemia**
- **Thiazide or loop diuretics**
- **Mineralocorticoid or GC excess**
- **Excess vomiting**
- **Bartter's syndrome**
- **Mg depletion**

Hypokalemia + Metabolic Acidosis:

- **Diarrhea**
- **Diuresis with CA inhibitors**
- **Renal tubular acidosis type 1 and 2**
- **Ureterosigmoidostomy**

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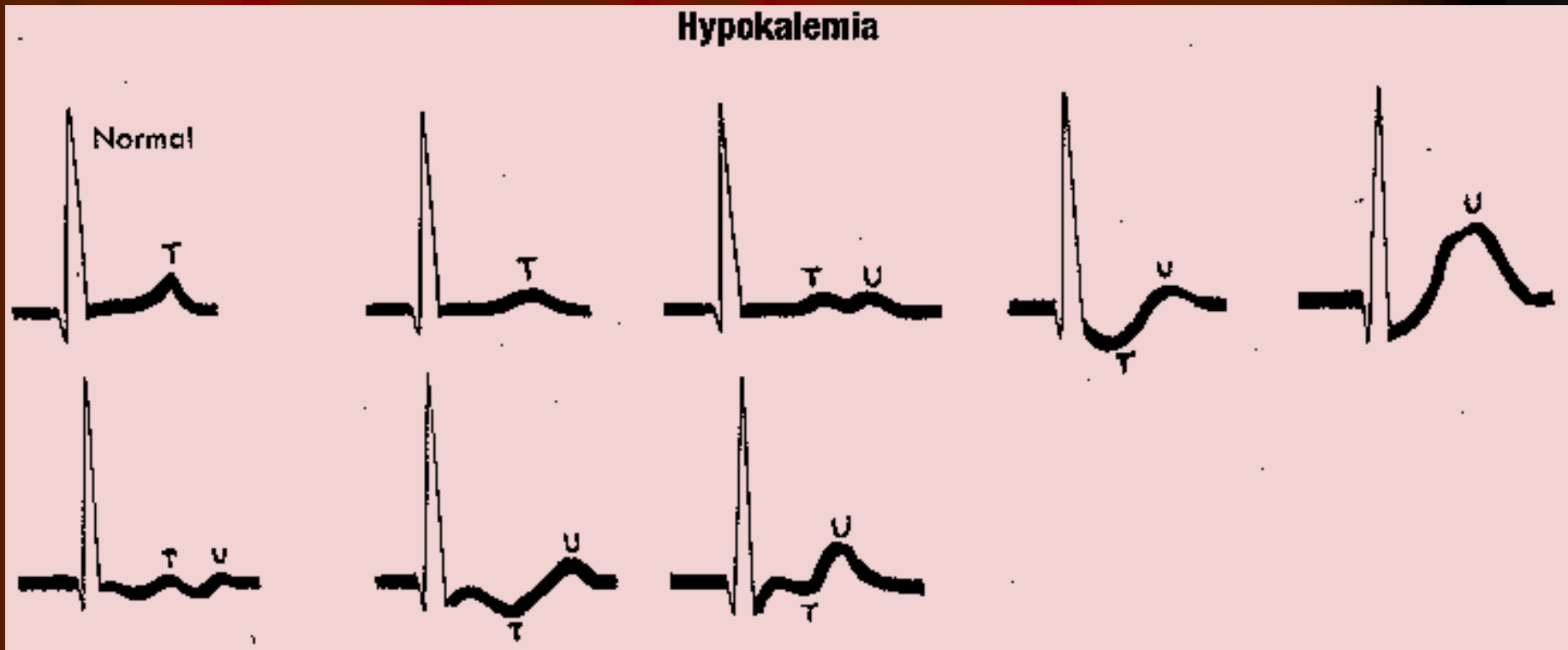
U wave



Hypokalemia An increase in the amplitude of U waves, which occur at the end of the T wave, are characteristic of hypokalemia.

Hypokalemia, continued

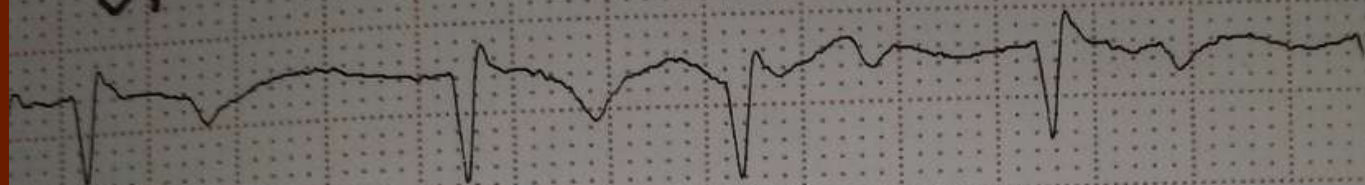
- ECG changes in hypokalemia



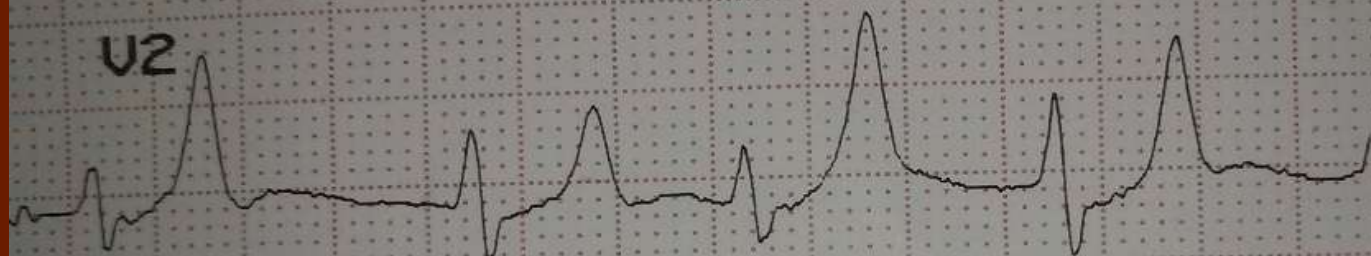
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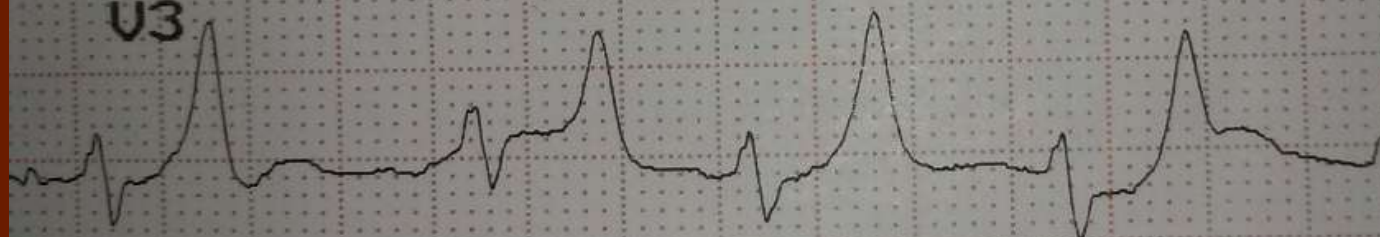
V1



V2



V3



Auto

25mm/s

10mm/mV

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Management of Hypokalemia - 1

Estimation of K⁺ Deficit

S. K ⁺	Level	K ⁺ deficit	ECG changes
3.5 - 3.0	mild	100-200	No
3.0 - 2.5	moderate	200-400	variable
2.5 - 2.0	severe	400-800	dangerous

Management of Hypokalemia - 2

Route of K⁺ Administration:

- Oral route is preferred
- I.V. route is used in severe conditions

Rate of K⁺ Administration:

- 100 - 250 mEq/day :
 - in mild cases: 100
 - in moderate cases: 200
 - in severe cases: 400 mEq/day
- For parenteral route 10-30 mEq/hour: regular, slow and steady to allow equilibrium across cell membrane

Management of Hypokalemia - 3

Type of K⁺ salt:

- KCl for alkalosis; K gluconate, acetate or citrate for acidosis; K phosphate for DKA

Drugs for hypokalemia:

- Potassium sparing diuretics: spironolactone, amiloride and triametrene
- ACE inhibitors
- Angiotensin receptor blockers
- Beta adrenergic blockers
- Cyclosporine & Trimethoprim

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Hyperkalemia: Causes

Pseudo-hyperkalemia

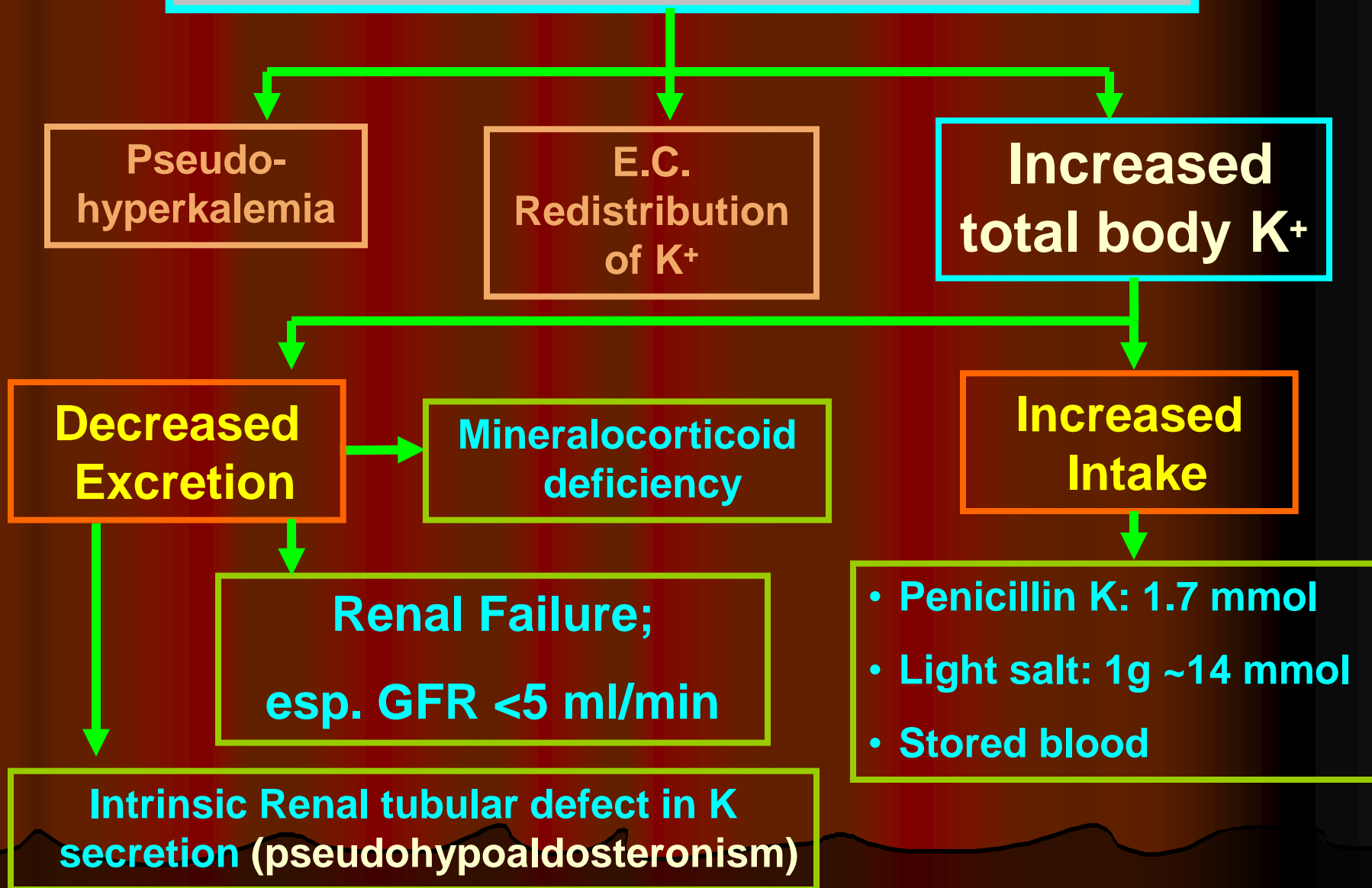
- Hemolysis
- Leukocytosis
- Thrombocytosis
- Exercise + ischemia of limb

E.C. Redistribution of K^+

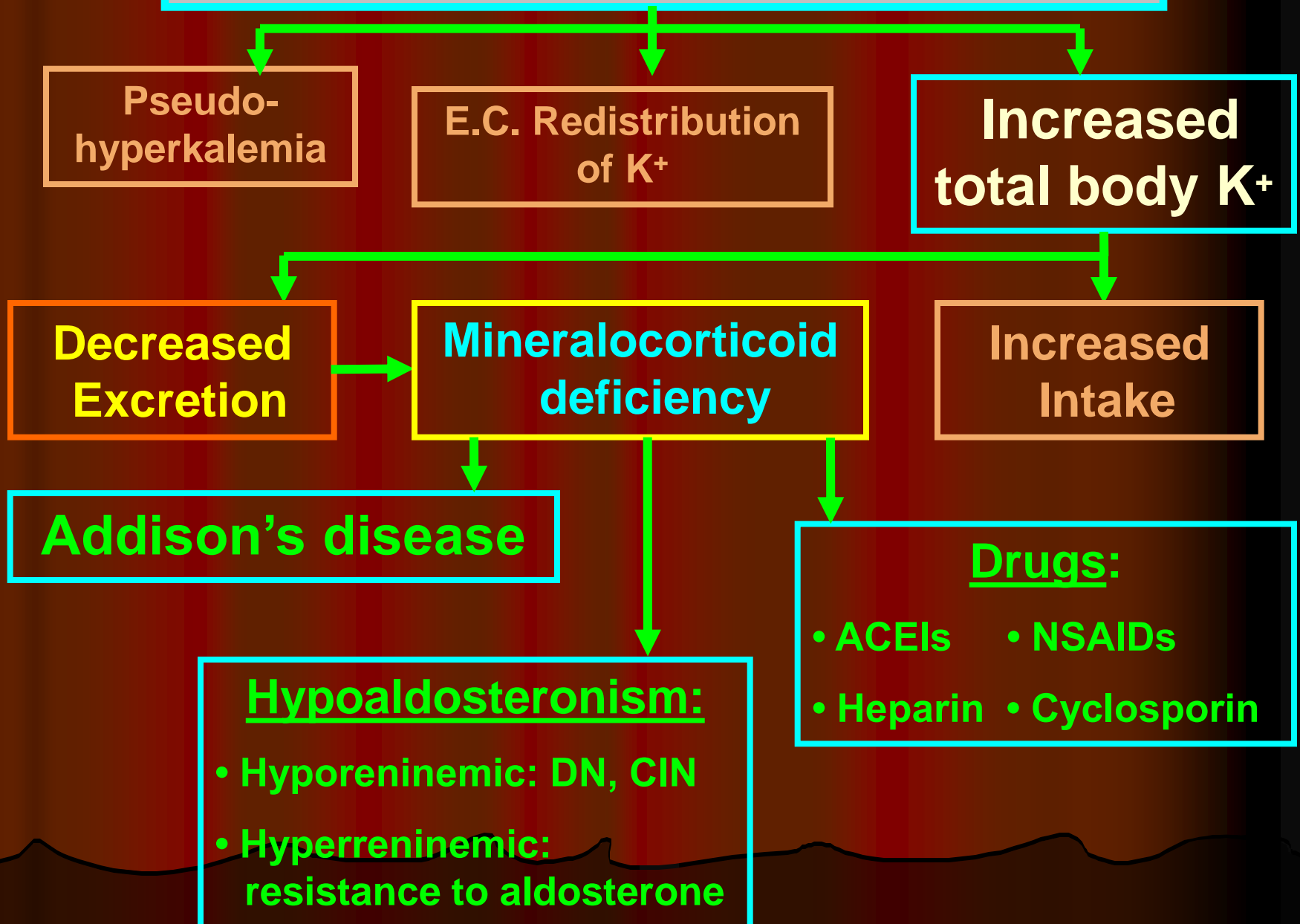
- Acidosis esp. hyperchloremic
- Insulin deficiency
- Hypertonicity e.g. glucose or mannitol
- Drugs: - beta blockers - cationic a.a. - Succinyl choline - Digoxine
- Hyperkalemic periodic paralysis

Increased total body K^+

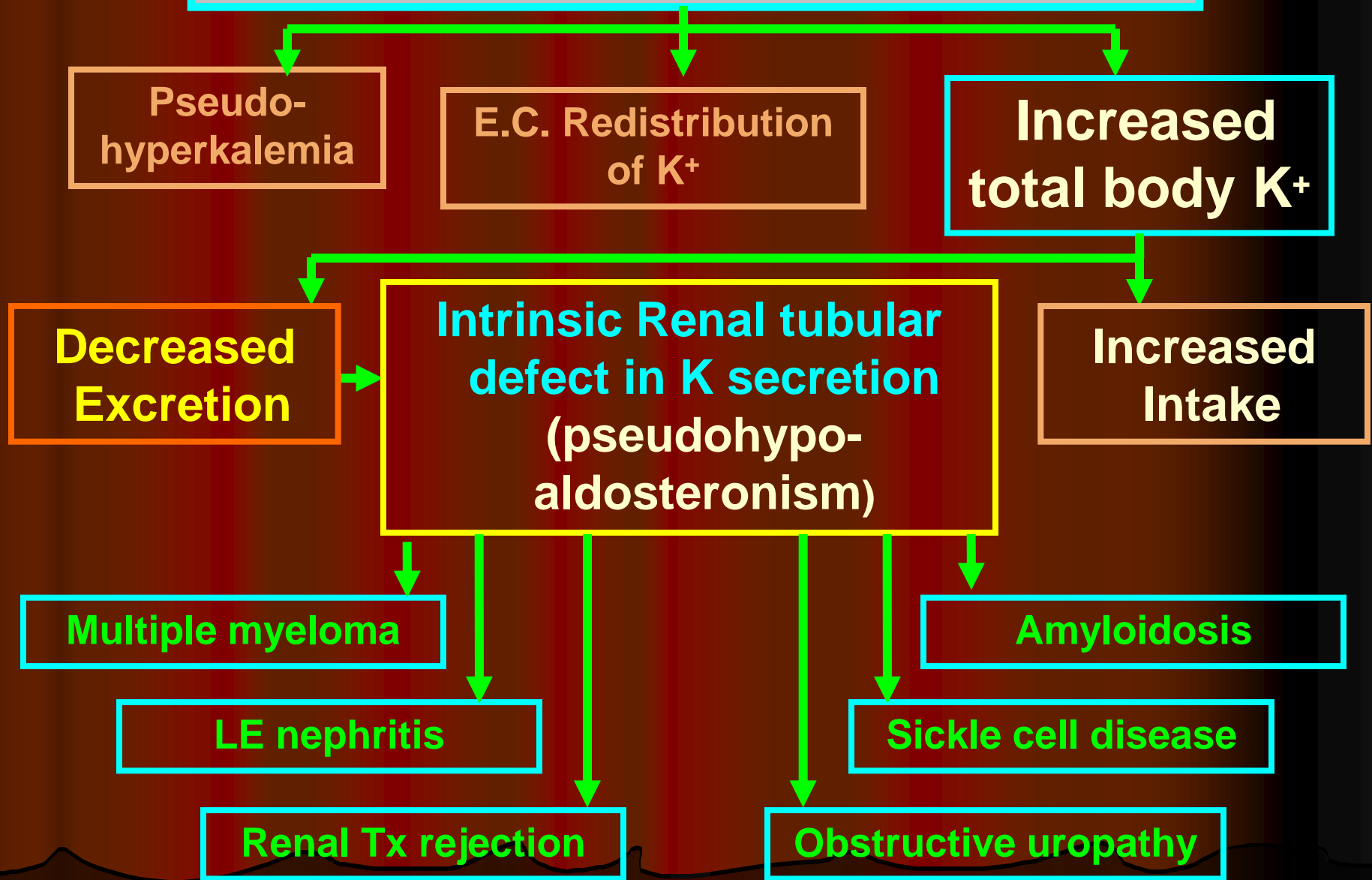
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Hyperkalemia: Causes-3

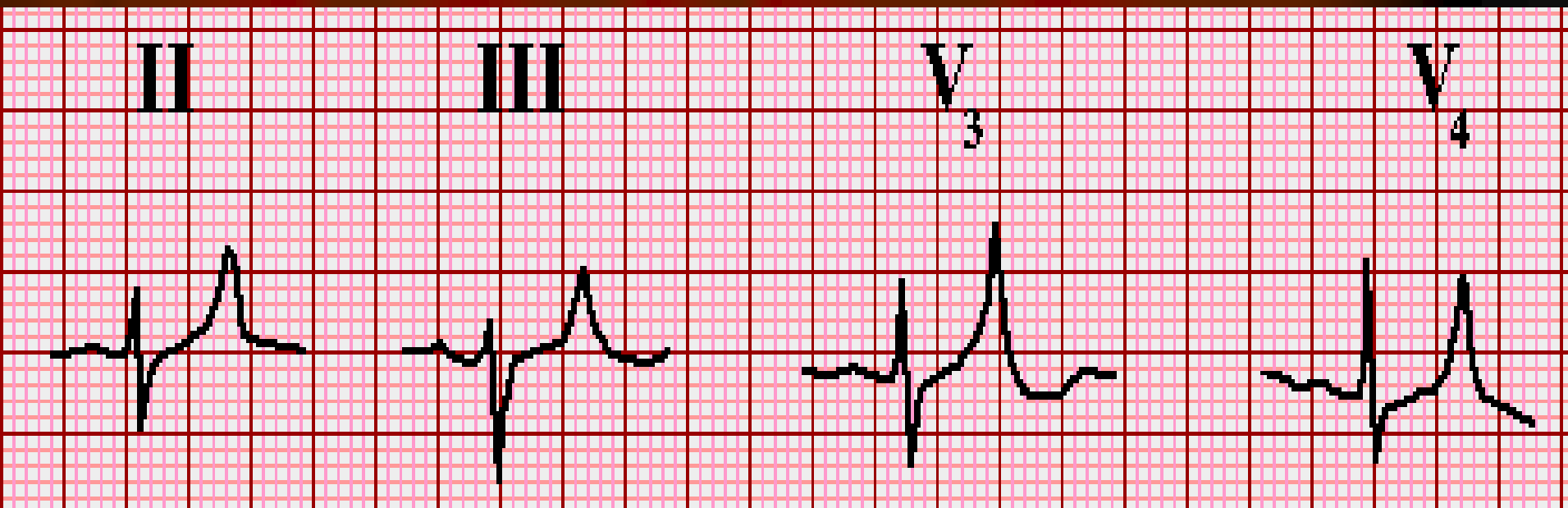


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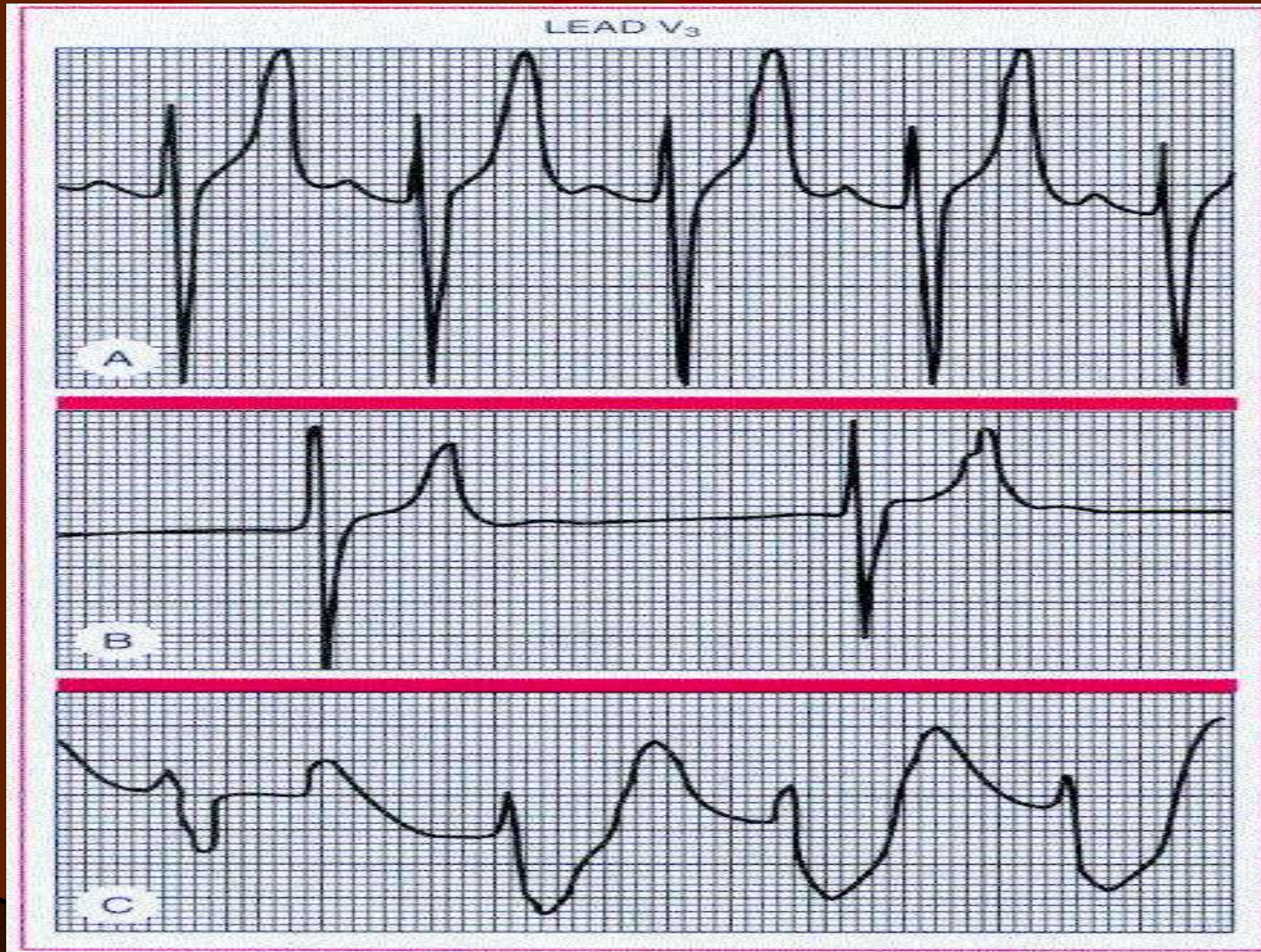
Signs & Symptoms of Hyperkalemia

- **Cardiac conduction effects with potential cardiac arrest**
- **ECG changes correlate to some extent with the degree of hyperkalemia**
- **Neuromuscular symptoms include tingling, parathesia, weakness and even flaccid paralysis**
- **Cardiac toxicity usually precedes other manifestations**
- **Hyperkalemia stimulates aldosterone, insulin, and glucagon secretion and suppresses plasma renin**



Hyperkalemia A tall peaked and symmetrical T wave is the first change seen on the ECG in a patient with hyperkalemia.

Hyperkalemia – ECG Changes



Management of Hyperkalemia - 1

Accord. to presence ECG
changes or paralysis

Urgent ttt

Immediate onset 1-3 min:

10-30 ml 10% Ca-Gluconate IV

Quick onset 5-10 min:

25g IV glucose + 5-10 U sol insulin

Quick onset 15-30 min:

50-150 mEq NaHCO₃ IV

Quick onset 15-30 min:

Albuterol 20 mg in 4 ml nebulizer

Conservative ttt

- **Decr. Diet K**
- **withdraw offending drugs**
- **Drugs that incr. K excretion: lasix, NaCl, K-exchange resins**
- **Treatment of cause**
- **Dialysis or Tx if RF**